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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SWEDEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 23 January 1991 concerning assistance provided to countries facing special economic problems as a result of the embargo against Iraq.

Please find attached a summary of humanitarian and financial assistance provided by the Swedish Government to countries which have made requests for assistance under Article 50 of the Charter and to others who have been seriously affected by the Persian Gulf Crisis.

I kindly request that this letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Swedish contribution to countries affected by the Persian Gulf Crisis

The Swedish contributions to relieve the negative effects of the Persian Gulf Crisis amount to some 75 million USD and consist mainly of humanitarian assistance (52 million USD) to the Middle East channelled through the United Nations and Red Cross systems and various private non-governmental organizations. This assistance has mainly been given in support of regional action plans and is thus not country specific.

In addition, Sweden has made bilateral contributions amounting to 23.5 million USD to three countries (Egypt, Jordan and Turkey) seriously affected by the Persian Gulf Crisis. This aid, given in the form of co-financing with the World Bank in the case of Egypt and Jordan and in the form of a bilateral grant to Turkey, has been coordinated with the Gulf Crisis Financial Coordination Group.

All Swedish assistance is given purely on a grant basis.

A more detailed breakdown of the Swedish assistance related to the Persian Gulf Crisis is given below:

1. Humanitarian emergency assistance (million USD)

United Nations	26.7
Swedish Red Cross	21.5
Swedish NGOs	4.0
Total	52.2*

2. Bilateral assistance

Egypt	10.0
Jordan	10.0
Turkey	3.5
Total	23.5
TOTAL 1 + 2	75.2

* Approximately 4.5 million USD has been given in emergency assistance to the Palestinian people living in the occupied territories.